



Resolution No. 2016R-150

City of Minneapolis

File No. 16-00521

**By Yang, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

Honoring Kirk Washington, Jr.

Whereas, Kirk Washington, Jr. was a poet, artist, leader, teacher, farmer, visionary and activist in Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Kirk Washington, Jr. was married to Aster Nebro and the father of two daughters; and

Whereas, Kirk Washington, Jr. was a fifth generation Minnesotan, and a long-time resident of North Minneapolis, and whose career was built around speaking the gospel of the Northside; and

Whereas, Kirk Washington, Jr. told his story and the stories of the forgotten, the oppressed and the marginalized with verve; and

Whereas, Kirk Washington, Jr. left his mark on Minneapolis as a graffiti artist, a spoken word artist and as a story teller; and

Whereas, Kirk Washington, Jr. was one of twelve poets to contribute to the poem "One Minneapolis: A City in Verse" and performed at the Inauguration of Mayor Betsy Hodges, representing the 5th Ward and its residents; and

Whereas, Kirk Washington, Jr. was a Creative City-making Artist from Intermedia Arts, working with Otto Doll and the IT Department to improve Digital access for communities of color and low-income communities in Minneapolis;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That Kirk Washington's legacy of service to the residents and communities of Minneapolis be recognized, including especially his commitment to the arts and the residents of the Northside.

Committee: N/A Public Hearing: N/A Publication: APR 23 2016

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
REICH	X			
GORDON	X			
FREY	X			
B. JOHNSON	X			
YANG	X			
WARSAME	X			
GOODMAN	X			
GLIDDEN	X			
CANO	X			
BENDER	X			
QUINCY	X			
A. JOHNSON	X			
PALMISANO	X			
DATE:	APR 15 2016			

☒ APPROVED

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MAYOR HODGES

APR 21 2016

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Presented to the Mayor:

APR 15 2016

Received from the Mayor:

APR 21 2016